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US Serial No: 08/922,046  
Our Docket: IGT1P289D1C1US

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**MESSAGE:**

Dear Colleagues:

With reference to the above US patent and the recent Petition filing of 13/14 March 2006.

Please review the PTO entry of materials originally submitted as the docket does not reflect the correct disposition of this patent in terms of maintenance fees.

Our offices filed a supplemental petition to correct the fee deficiency originally paid to the office on 10 January 2005. This occurred after our filing of a NOTICE OF LOSS ENTITLEMENT statement on 09 March 2006.

It appears that the in-take staff member misinterpret our filing for a bumping up of fees as a "small entity" statement which is not the case. Please review the record and correct accordingly.

Enclosures

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Docket #	IGT1P289D1C1US	By:	DPO/kfm	Date of this mailing:	8 March 2006
Patent#:	6,257,981	Issued Date:	07/10/2001	Express Mail #	
Inv(s):	ACRES, John F.				
Title:	COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING GAMING DEVICES				

The following have been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

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1.	COMMUNICATION & PAYMENT OF FEE DEFICIENCY RE: 37 CFR§1.28(c)	2
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## Transaction History

Date	Contents Description
03-14-2006	Petition Entered
03-20-2006	Applicant Has Filed a Verified Statement of Small Entity Status in Compliance with 37 CFR 1.27
03-09-2006	Statement Filed Indicating a Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status <b>CORRECT</b>
02-22-2006	Correspondence Address Change
10-12-2005	Post Issue Communication - Certificate of Correction
02-09-2001	Workflow - File Sent to Contractor
07-10-2001	Recordation of Patent Grant Mailed
06-25-2001	Issue Notification Mailed
07-10-2001	Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation
05-27-2001	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue
04-09-2001	Issue Fee Payment Verified
09-02-1997	Workflow - Drawings Finished
09-02-1997	Workflow - Drawings Matched with File at Contractor
09-02-1997	Workflow - Drawings Received at Contractor
05-23-2001	Workflow - Complete WF Records for Drawings
01-16-2001	Mail Notice of Allowance
01-16-2001	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed
11-07-2000	Data Forwarded to Examiner
10-30-2000	Response after Non-Final Action
10-30-2000	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
10-30-2000	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
11-07-2000	Terminal Disclaimer Approved in TC
10-30-2000	Terminal Disclaimer Filed
04-25-2000	Mail Non-Final Rejection
04-24-2000	Non-Final Rejection
12-17-1999	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)
12-17-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
11-18-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
08-27-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
12-13-1999	Case Found
12-09-1999	Case Reported Lost
09-29-1999	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
06-24-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
07-02-1999	Data Forwarded to Examiner
06-24-1999	Continuing Prosecution Application - Continuation (ACPA)
04-02-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
03-29-1999	Mail Notice of Allowance
03-29-1999	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed
02-11-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
01-05-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
01-19-1999	Data Forwarded to Examiner
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In re application of ACRES, John F., et al.

Attorney Docket No.: IGT1P289DICIUS

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c), Applicants request consideration of the remarks set forth below, and authorization to pay supplementary fees.

Applicants recently determined that small entity maintenance fees paid for the fourth [4th] tax year maybe in error and that a large entity maintenance fee payment is most correct. The Applicants hereby request that such error be excused under 37 CFR§ 1.28(o)(2).

A NOTICE OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITLEMENT STATUS statement was recently submitted to the USPTO for this patent. 3/9/06

Applicants request that any error in establishing small entity status and/or in failing to notify the Office of a loss of entitlement to small entity status be excused. To this end, Applicants submit

supplemental large entity fees as follows:

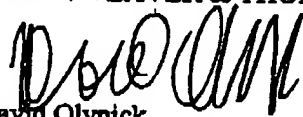
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Fees Erroneously Paid as a Small Entity	Date	Fee Actually paid As a Small Entity	Current Fee	Deficiency Owed
04th year maintenance	04 Jan. 2005	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$450.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$450.00</b>

Enclosed is our Check No. 11683 for \$450.00. This amount is believed to be sufficient to make up the deficiency between the amount of the fees paid and the amount of fees that would be due at the large entity rate.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees that may be due (including any deficiencies not accounted for in the above calculation) to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. IGT1P289D1C1US). Please credit any overpayment to the same account. If any issues remain, please contact the undersigned at (510) 663.1100.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Status:	8th year fee window opens: 07/10/2008		
Window Opens:	07/10/2008	Surcharge Date:	01/13/2009
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Fee Code:	2562	MAINTENANCE FEE DUE AT 7.5 YEARS.	
Surcharge Fee Code:			
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